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PARTNERS IN HISTORY



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1:00-3:00

LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD

Dr. Jay Kelly, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Raritan Valley Community College, will lead a hands-on wildflower workshop and walk outside at the Bouman-Stickney property and open space trails. Sign up is limited to the first 12 participants. Also, social distancing and masks are required. This event is free, but donations are always welcome. If interested please call the museum or sign up here.

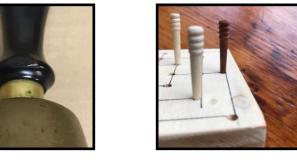


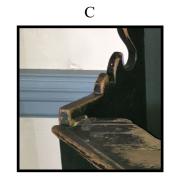
Museum Games: #Whatsit?

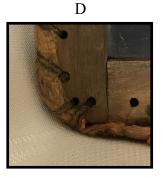
Readington Museums is participating in a popular social media activity along with other museums throughout the country called #whatsitwednesday. This is a fun way to share pieces of museum collections with the public and engage about the fun facts of each mystery item. Each Wednesday, we post a partial picture of an object from our collection, and share the reveal the next day for #revealthursday. If you are interested in playing or seeing pieces from the museum collection, follow us or click on the Instagram handle at readingtonmuseums or on Facebook at Readington. Museums. Below are some examples of mystery items that have been posted. Answers with full images are revealed on the next page.

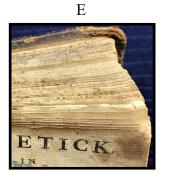
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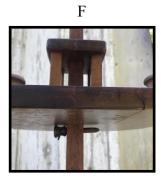












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Fall Events Canceled Virtual Tours Available

Due to the ongoing COVID –19 pandemic, and the challenge to manage social distancing inside the museums' spaces, our fall events and open houses are canceled. We hope to reschedule theses events for 2021.

Since the museums' buildings are closed to visitors, we have been busy developing virtual tours for the public. Links to each tour can be found on the museum website or by clicking here. Each tour is two to four minutes long and showcases the Readington Museums, including the rooms of the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. In addition, virtual tours of the Eversole-Hall House, Cold Brook School, and exhibits of the museums' collections are planned for the future.

Plastic Film/Bag Recycle Challenge

Love the Readington Museums? Want to sit on a bench in front of one of our sites? The Readington Museums' Committee is participating in the Trex Plastic Film Challenge to collect 500 pounds of plastic film in order to win a bench! Help us out by bringing your clean plastic film to a Trex Challenge donation box at one of our select locations:

- 1. Readington Library, 255 Main Street, Whitehouse Station -next to the library materials return bin
- 2. **Readington Museums' Bouman-Stickney Farmstead**, 114 Dreahook Road, Lebanon (GPS) -inside the screened porch area of the Bouman-Stickney farmhouse.

Acceptable donations include: grocery and retail bags, Ziplocs, case overwraps, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, pellet bags, and dry cleaning bags. A heartfelt thank you to the community for helping Whitehouse Elementary School, in partnership with the Environmental Commission, complete their 500 pound challenge in July. A Trex bench will be delivered to the school this September. *-Submitted by Christina Albrecht, TREX Challenge coordinator*

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Mystery Artifacts Revealed



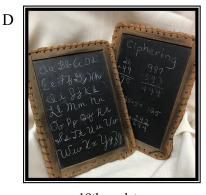
19th-c. school hand bell



Nine men's morris game is also known as mill, merrills, or cowboy checkers. These games have roots back to 1400 BCE!



18th-c. Dutch highchair or "kinderstoel" (infant's high chair), also serves as a potty seat, has wheels, and a front door to access the chamber pot



19th-c. slates



1788 "arithmetick" book



19th-c. adjustable floor candle holder